## In the Abstract

To provide a newA method for efficiently producing theanine is provided, by which theanine is simply and industrially advantageously produced.wherein glutamine and ethylamine are reacted by

——Pseudomonas citronellosis GEA <u>FERM BP-8353</u>, which is newly separated / selected from natural soil, belongs to the genus, Pseudomonas, and the species citronellosis and is <u>a</u> theanine producing bacteria with activities of transferring <u>the γ</u>-glutamyl group. Theanine <u>is extremely efficiently produced production increased by four times</u> by using glutaminase derived from the bacteria in a mixture of glutamine and ethylamine at <u>a pH in a range of 9-12</u> in comparison with a conventional <u>methodmethods</u>.